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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/27/85 (PALMER, STEPHEN) OR-O
TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR
SUBJECT: USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC PRISONER
PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA

REF: GENEVA 10085

1. (~~ENTIRE~~ TEXT) ICRC HAS AGAIN INQUIRED IF THERE
IS A RESPONSE FROM THE USG ON ITS REQUEST FOR USG
SUPPORT OF THE ARGENTINIAN PRISONER PROGRAM. REQUEST
RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND PREVIOUS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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III. (LOU) NOTES ON OPTION PROGRAM:

TOTAL INTERVIEWS COMPLETED BY CONS/OFFS IN PRISONS: 269
TOTAL CERTIFICATES OF ACCEPTABILITY ISSUED BY EMBASSY: 235
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUESTS TO THE USA APPROVED BY GOA: 34
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUESTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES APPROVED
BY GOA (ALSO HELD CERTIFICATE TO USA): 6
RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINA: 24
(2 CASES LEFT FOR BRAZIL AND TRAVELED TO USA UNDER
UNHCR MANDATE)
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUESTS DENIED BY GOA: 35
ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED THAT OPTION REQUEST HAS
NOT BEEN INITIATED: 2
PENDING DECISION ON OPTION REQUESTS BY GOA: 134
(21 CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN RE-ISSUED ON CASES IN WHICH
GOA PRESCRIBED 6-MONTH WAITING PERIOD HAS LAPSED FOLLOWING
DENIAL AND A NEW REQUEST CAN BE INITIATED.)
DATES AND NUMBER OF GOA APPROVALS: JULY 1978, 1; SEPT 1978, 3;
APRIL 1979, 1; JUNE 1979, 12; AUG 1979, 4; SEPT 1979, 7;
OCT 1979, 3; NOV 1979, 1; DEC 1979, 1.

IV. (LOU) SUMMARY: AS THE STATISTICAL REPORT INDICATES THE
LEVEL OF INTEREST (APPLICATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERIC "500"
PAROLE PROGRAM CONTINUES AT ITS PREVIOUS LEVELS.
HOWEVER, A REVIEW OF THE OPTION APPROVAL FIGURES INDICATES
THAT, ASIDE FROM THE JUNE-SEPT 1979 FIGURES, THE RATES OF
GOA OPTION APPROVALS TO THE USA CONTINUES AT A VERY LOW LEVEL.
THE HIGHER NUMBER OF OPTION APPROVALS FOR THE JUNE-SEPT
PERIOD WAS PROBABLY DUE TO INCREASED INTEREST AND/OR EXTERNAL
PRESSURE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS GENERATED BY THE PENDING
OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT OF SEPT 1979.

SINCE SEPT 1979, THE LEVEL OF GOA OPTION APPROVALS TO THE
UNITED STATES HAS STEADILY DECLINED TO A POINT OF ONLY ONE
OPTION APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. OTHER EMBASSIES
INVOLVED IN THE OPTION PROGRAM HAVE ALSO REPORTED A SIMILAR
PATTERN OF DECLINE IN THEIR OPTION APPROVALS.

AT THIS TIME IT IS UNCERTAIN IF THE PRESENT DECLINE IN OPTION
APPROVALS IS A RESULT OF A HARDENING ON THE PART OF THE GOA
IN RESPECT TO OPTION APPROVALS DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN
TERRORIST ACTIVITY WITHIN ARGENTINA OR IF THE "EASY TO RESOLVE"
PEN PRISONER CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECIDED AND THAT THOSE
PRISONERS WHO REMAIN IN PRISON ARE CONSIDERED BY THE GOA TO BE
SUBVERSIVES AND MUST BE REFUSED OPTION FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL
SECURITY. THE GOA ASSUMPTION THAT THE REMAINING PEN PRISONERS
ARE SUBVERSIVES HAS BEEN SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE EMBASSY
REFUGEE OFFICER WHO HAS REPORTED AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF

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